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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. Claims 1, 7, 17, 18, 27, 33, 36-38 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-42 remain pending and are presented for further examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito, U.S. Pat. Application No. US 2002/0116285 A1.

Regarding claim 1, Ito teaches a method of providing authentication for a network-based transaction, the method comprising presenting a first information set to a user through an Internet access device, the first information set being associated with the transaction, creating a coupling between the first information set and a second information set, wherein the second information set is also associated with the transaction, presenting the second information set to the user and requesting authorization of the transaction at a mobile terminal using public land mobile network (PLMN) radio resources, and receiving authorization information for the transaction from

the mobile terminal using the PLMN radio resources wherein said Internet access device and said mobile terminal being two separate devices and said first communication network and said PLMN being two separate networks (= performing a purchasing transaction utilizes a mobile station to make a purchase through a mobile network PLMN that has a network accounting server which bills network subscriber charges to the subscriber wherein authorization including the invoice and receipt information are digitally signed for authentication purposes) [see Abstract, Figs. 1 & 3-6, and Paragraphs [0034-0045]].

Regarding claim 2, Ito further teaches the method of claim 1 wherein creating the coupling further comprises sending a wireless application protocol (WAP) push message to the mobile terminal [see Paragraphs [0002] and [0026-0029]].

Regarding claims 3-4, Ito further teaches the authorization information comprises client-side public key infrastructure (PKI) information [see Paragraphs [0038] and [0040-0043]].

Regarding claims 5-6; Ito further teaches the method of claim 1 wherein the authorization information comprises a password and a caller line identification (caller ID) for the mobile terminal [see Paragraphs [00500053]].

Claim 7 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 1.

Claim 8 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 2.

Regarding claim 9, Ito further teaches the method of claim 8 wherein the WAP push message comprises a hyperlink to the second information set [see Paragraph [0042]].

Regarding claim 10, Ito further teaches the method of claim 9 wherein the first information set is formatted in hypertext markup language (HTML) and the second information set is formatted in wireless markup language (WML) [see Paragraph [0002]].

Regarding claim 11, Ito further teaches the method of claim 10 wherein the second information set is further formatted to be signed by a user using a WAP signText script [see Paragraphs [0033] and [00380041]].

Regarding claims 12-15, Ito further teaches the authentication information comprises client-side public key infrastructure (PKI) information [see Paragraphs [0038] and [0040-0043]].

Claims 16-18 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 1.

Claim 19 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 2.

Claims 20-22 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claims 9-11, respectively.

Claims 23-26 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claims 12-15.

Claim 27 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 7.

Claims 28-29 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claims 8-9, respectively.

Claims 30-32 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claims 12-15.

Claim 33 is rejected under the same rationale set forth above to claim 27.

Regarding claim 34, Ito further teaches the system of claim 33 wherein the WML server and the HTML server operate on a single computing platform [see Paragraph [0002]].

Regarding claim 35, Ito further teaches the system of claim 33 wherein the network connection is an Internet connection [see Fig. 1].

Regarding claims 36-38, Ito further teaches the coupling is created at least in part by sending a wireless application protocol (WAP) push message to the mobile terminal [see Paragraphs [0002] and [0026-0029]].

Regarding claims 39-42, Ito further teaches the authentication information comprises client-side public key infrastructure (PKI) information [see Paragraphs [0038] and [0040-0043]].

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the following reasons:

Ito teaches performing a purchasing transaction utilizes a mobile station to make a purchase through a mobile network PLMN that has a network accounting server which bills network subscriber charges to the subscriber wherein authorization including the invoice and receipt information are digitally signed for authentication purposes [see Abstract, Figs. 1 & 3-6, and Paragraphs [0034-0045]].

Applicant argued that "Internet access device and mobile terminal being two separate devices and first communication network and PLMN being two separate networks". In response to this argument, the examiner contends that Ito still teaches this limitation because Ito discloses a subscriber using a mobile terminal (1) and a network operator using Internet access device for processing purchasing transaction wherein there are two different PLMN (3,3') connected through the Internet (6) [see Figs. 1, 3, 7-8 & 11-12 and Paragraphs [0007 & 0041 & 0046 & 0053 & 0059]].

In view of the foregoing, the examiner asserts that the cited reference Ito does teach or suggest the subject matter recited in independent claim. Dependent claims are therefore rejected at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claim and by

other reasons set forth above. Accordingly, the examiner respectfully maintains the rejections for claims 1-42 as shown above.

Other References Cited

5. The following references cited by the examiner but not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- A) l'Anson et al, U.S. Pat. No. 7,069,238.
- B) Aho et al, U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. 2001/0039589 A1.
- C) Squibbs, U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. 2002/0004404 A1.
- D) Khayatan et al, U.S. Pat. Application Pub. No. 2002/0141560 A1.

6. A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. FAILURE TO RESPOND WITHIN THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE WILL CAUSE THE APPLICATION TO BECOME ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). EXTENSIONS OF TIME MAY BE OBTAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CAR 1.136(A).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3991. The Group fax phone number is (571) 273-8300. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached on (571) 272-4006.

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